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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,
Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Kent,

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MR. BISSELL:

Reported that [REDACTED] is up for augmentation and that if additional funds are approved, they will have to come from the Agency reserve. He pointed out that the expansion of this program will necessarily broaden its base and thereby considerably increase its cost in future years. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Bissell said that CIA is not leading the pack for this program but we are being pressed by the military and NSA to increase its activity. Mr. Bissell also said he had heard some comment to the effect that while this program was producing quantity-wise, there is some question as to quality. He therefore recommended that prior to approaching the Bureau of the Budget, this project be re-examined in order that we might be able to assure Budget of its value. Action: Mr. Bissell to furnish DD/I a memorandum with further facts in the proposed augmentation. The assessment would be made by the COMINT-ELINT Subcommittee of USIB.

COLONEL WHITE:

a. Noted that for some time he and [REDACTED] had been concerned over Commo's ability to provide communications during crisis situations. He said while we can just make out with one situation, should there be two or more we would in all probability experience a good deal of difficulty in providing competent communicators on TDY in the area concerned. He said it had been suggested to meet this problem training be given to a selected number of wives of communicators who, when necessary, could be placed on duty in Headquarters, thus relieving communicators for overseas duty. In response to a query from the Director, Colonel White said after a period of training, these wives would be brought in for several days a year to keep them current and would be employed on a WAE status. The Director approved.

b. Reported he had a rather lengthy meeting with Bob Macy of the Bureau of the Budget yesterday and, as indicative of Macy's thinking,

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he had mentioned the following points:

(1) The Bureau of the Budget is not furnished a printed record of our budget hearings before the several Congressional committees. Colonel White said he had pointed out that these hearings are held in executive session and as a general rule even the Agency does not receive a copy of any record made.

(2) Program changes made during the time our budget is submitted to the Bureau of the Budget and approved by our Congressional committees. Colonel White said he had undertaken in the future to make these changes available to the Bureau of the Budget. The Director approved.

(3) Apportionment within the Agency of funds allotted to it, i. e., so much for personnel, travel, overtime, etc. Colonel White said he had agreed to furnish the Bureau of the Budget the amount of funds allotted to the major components, i. e., DD/P, DD/I, and DD/S. The Director approved.



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